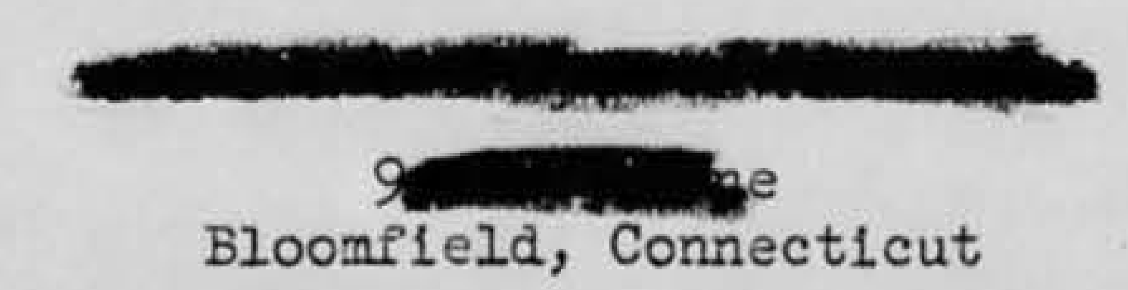
1. DATE - TIME GROUP	2. LOCATION
13 November 1964 13/2300Z	Shutesbury, Massachusetts
3. SOURCE Civilian	10. CONCLUSION AIRCRAFT
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS One	
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 1 Minute	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS Object moving from NE to NW. Belived to be several miles away. Looked like a large harvest moon in size. Speed compared to that of a passanger plane. Position was just above horizon in NW. Lights not on in house. Object had glow that illuminated the area. Observation from inside house through window. Information submitted by Raymond Fowler. COMMENTS: Moon at 23.25.18 at 1800 on 14 Feb. This places the moon at 140 deg azimuth 35 deg elevation at the time of the sighting ruling out a refraction of the moon. The 1st mag star Arcturus is on the horizon at about 300 deg azimuth. Object reported moving from NE to NW. No data to indicate that the object could NOT have been an Aircraft.
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground-Visual	
7. COURSE NW	
8. PHOTOS ☐ Yes XX No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE ☐ Yes XX No	

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Bloomfield, Connecticut

9 Dec 64

Major Maston M. Jacks
USAF PIO, Pentagon
Washington, D.C.

Dear Major Jacks;

Thank you very much for your letter, and enclosure, of 24 November 1964, in answer to my UFO questions. I was interested to see that the Air Force still carries the report from Socorro as unsolved, particularly since a recent letter from Dr. Donald Menzel to me carried a contrary opinion. Although he admits that he had not seen "any detailed information" about the Socorro report, he flatly came out that it "was probably a hoax or a delusion." I sent him a copy of your fact sheet but as yet he hasn't commented on it.

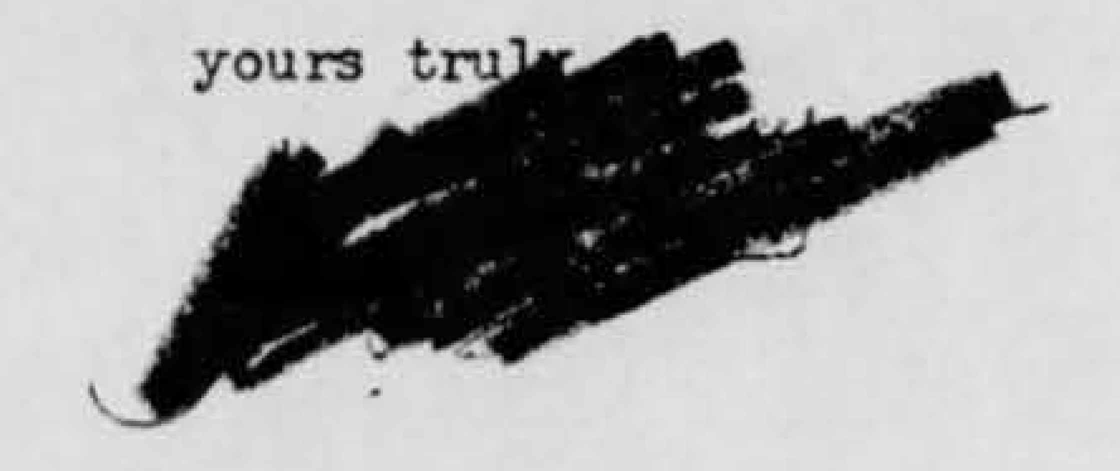
With respect to the "hoax" conclusion on the Glassboro, N.J. sighting, I am now in possesion of a NICAP report on that sighting. In it, they quote at some length two tree experts who xxxixxd examined the leaves of trees in the area, as well as other vegatation, and gave it as their opinion that the "singe" damage dxxx done precluded a hoax by youngsters. They stated that leaves were recovered from a 40-foot oak and that other damage done to trees would have required the use of machinery - one injury, they stated, "was not inflicted by any known type of tool." Might I ask if you all have queried these men or looked into this aspect of the report at all? Or are you basing your "hoax" conclusions solely on the evidence of a few footprints and bits of tin foil which could well have been made (or dropped) by persons visiting the site before your people arrived? It is my understanding that several days elapsed between the time of the initial report and the visit by an Air Force investigator.

"ith respect to your statement that the Air Force "still maintains the responsiblity for investigating UFOs", might I enquire as to why Westover AFB, in the case of the Shutesbury, Mass. sighting covered in my 14 Nov 1964 letter, stated that they were referring the information to the FAA for further investigation? Seems strange to me.

And might I also ask if your office has received and evaluated THE UFO EVIDENCE, a report published last summer by NICAP? I understand that it is heavily documented and relates a number of sightings made by pilots, astronomers, missile engineers and many other reputable, technically trained personnel. It would seem from the data presented there that a substantial case has been made for a more scientific and open investigation of UFOs than has been made in the past.

I shall be interested in your comments.

yours tru[redacted]



Information Only
Source: A P R O Bulletin, January 1965

Shutesbury, Mass.
13 November 1964

Orange Disc in Massachusetts

Mrs. Harriet E. Smith of Shutesbury, Mass., reported seeing an orange disc-shaped object which lit up her home as it traveled from northeast to northwest at 6 p. m. on November 13, 1964. The duration of the sighting was about 60 seconds.

A spokesman at Westover AFB said he received an inquiry about a UFO sighting from a Shutesbury woman early that morning. He called Flight Operations but that section reported it had no information and so he turned the details over to the FAA for further investigation.

The foregoing sighting was detailed in the November 14th Springfield Daily News and subsequently a Reverend Ray Hass of West Suffield, Conn. reported his sighting which took place at the same time (6 p. m.)

Reverend Hass was looking west from his home when he saw a bright orange object in the sky. He said he could not get a full view because he had to look through tree branches. He observed it for a minute but did not see it move.

On Friday Reverend Haas told other residents about the object and one of them, Forest Spear, said he saw the same thing. West Suffield, Conn. is from 35-40 miles south by southwest of Shutebury, Mass. It is possible that the object seen by Mrs. Smith was the same as that seen by Reverend Haas and Mr. Spear. There could have been a time difference of only a minute or two during which one viewed it at a standstill and the other during its flight.

UFO SIGHTING SUMMARY SHEET

UFO REPORT - 11/13/64

Witness: [redacted]
Shutesbury, Massachusetts

Education: High School
Nurse Training

Occupation: House-keeper

PLACE: Shutesbury, Massachusetts

DATE: 13 November 1964 TIME: 6:00 PM EST

SIGHTING:

[redacted] observed a large round sharply defined Orange UFO from her window at dusk on 13 November 1964. The time was about 6:00 PM. The object seemed to be several miles away and moving from the N.E. to the N.W. Its apparent size was compared to that of a 10" - 12" pie plate held at arm's length. She described it as looking like a "large harvest moon in size, shape and color". The sky was clear. Observation time was about one minute. Its speed was compared to that of a passenger plane (Propeller). Its position was just above the horizon and remained in view until in disappeared over the N.W. Horizon.

Other reports mentioned by a newspaper and Mr. [redacted], [redacted] Springfield, Massachusetts purportedly mention a UFO landing in Brimfield on some kind of a ramp and another landing in Sturbridge on a gravel bank. Efforts to learn more about these sightings have thus been in vain. [redacted] in a letter also mentioned briefly a UFO sighting by a Mr. [redacted] of the "Daily Hampshire Gazette, Northhampton, Massachusetts at about 5:00 AM EST. It was described as being larger than a star and colorless.

Raymond E. Fowler
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NICAP Investigator

cc. USAF (AFSC-FTD)
W.N. Webb

NATIONAL INVESTIGATIONS COMMITTEE ON AERIAL PHENOMENA
1536 Connecticut Avenue, N. W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Form 7-9-[illegible]

REPORT ON UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT(S)

This form includes questions asked by the United States Air Force and by other Armed Forces' investigating agencies, and additional questions to which answers are needed for full evaluation by NICAP.

After all the information has been fully studied, the conclusion of our Evaluation Panel will be published by NICAP in its regularly issued magazine or in another publication. Please try to answer as many questions as possible. Should you need additional room, please use another sheet of paper. Please print or typewrite. Your assistance is of great value and is genuinely appreciated. [illegible]

1. Name [redacted] Place of Employment: None

Address [redacted] Occupation: None

SHUTESBURY = MASS. Education = High school.

Special Training = Nurses training

Telephone ALPINE [redacted] Military Service: none

2. Date of Observation: November ~~4~~ 13 ?, 1964 Time: AM 6 PM Time Zone

3. Locality of Observation: SHUTESBURY = MASSACHUSETTS

4. How long did you see the object? Hours (about one Minute) Seconds

5. Please describe weather conditions and the type of sky; i.e., bright daylight, nighttime, (dusk), etc. weather clear SKY CLEAR.

6. Position of the Sun or Moon in relation to the object and to you. Didn't notice = I was looking North. The moon would rise in E. SE I THINK. SUN WOULD SET IN S.W.

7. If seen at night, (twilight), or dawn, were the stars or moon visible? Did not see any - sky clear. I was looking North.

8. Were there more than one object? no If so, please tell how many, and draw a sketch of what you saw, indicating direction of movement, if any. going N.W. N.W. ← O N.E. — horizon ONLY ONE OBJECT.

9. Please describe the object(s) in detail. For instance, did it (they) appear solid, or only as (a source of light); was it revolving, etc? Please use additional sheets of paper, if necessary. As a source of light. Couldn't tell if it was revolving.

10. Was the object(s) brighter than the background of the sky? yes

11. If so, compare the brightness with the Sun, (moon), headlights, etc. Bright orange - like a full moon on arising like a huge harvest moon in size, shape and color. About 10-12 in. diameter. It [illegible] having climbed 1/2 to the zenith, on a clear evening - just at dusk.

(Please elaborate, if you can give details.)

12. Did the object(s) —

a. Appear to stand still at any time? no
b. Suddenly speed up and rush away at any time? no
c. Break up into parts or explode? no
d. Give off smoke? no
e. Leave any visible trail? no
f. Drop anything? no
g. Change brightness? no
h. Change shape? no
i. Change color? no

13. Did the object(s) at any time pass in front of, or behind of, anything? If so, please elaborate giving distance, size, etc, if possible. no

14. Was there any wind? no just normal If so, please give direction and speed. object Came from N.E. & travelled N.W. [illegible] ~~ABOUT AS FAST AS A PASSENGER PLANE.~~

15. Did you observe the object(s) through an optical instrument or other aid, windshield, (windowpane), (storm window), screening, etc? What? seen but [illegible] the window [illegible] very clear [illegible]

16. Did the object(s) have any sound? I didn't hear any. What kind? How loud? If there was I couldn't hear through the window & storm [illegible]

17. Please tell if the object(s) was (were) —

a. Fuzzy or blurred. no
b. Like a bright star. no
c. Sharply outlined. yes.

[illegible] yes
[illegible] no
[illegible] no
[illegible] no

27. [illegible] rise or fall while in motion? no = Kept at same distance from horizon at all times. Its progress was steady.

28. [illegible] apparent size of the object(s) when compared with the following held at arm's length:

[illegible]	[illegible]	d.	Nickel	g.	Orange
[illegible]	Pea	e.	Half dollar	h.	Grapefruit
[illegible]	Dime	f.	Silver dollar	i.	Larger? yes

Looked about as large as a 10 in. pie plate -

[illegible] give apparent size in inches on a ruler held at arm's length.

[illegible] did you happen to notice the object(s)? I just happened to look out of the window at that precise moment.

[illegible] were you and what were you doing at the time? In a room on the north side of the house - Looking out the window

72. [illegible] did the object(s) disappear from view? The object disappeared into the N.W. beyond view -

[illegible] the speed of the object(s) with a piston or jet aircraft at the same apparent altitude. about like a passenger [illegible]

[illegible] there any conventional aircraft in the location at the time or immediately afterwards? If so, please elaborate. no

Please estimate the distance of the object(s). Several mi. away.

[illegible] the elevation of the object(s) in the sky? Please mark on this hemisphere sketch. Like the sun just before sunset.

NORTH
object
N.W.
Horizon
SOUTH

[illegible] addresses of other witnesses, if any. I know of none.

[illegible] draw a map of the locality of the observation showing North; your position; the direction from which the object appeared and disappeared from view; the direction of its course over the area; roads, towns, villages, railroads, and other landmarks within a mile.

The object was much further than one mi. away -

AMHERST
Altitude 1,270 ft - at my home
PELHAM
[illegible]
NORTH
SOUTH
N.W.
ME
NORTH.
To the north
TURNERS FALLS
GREENFIELD
ATHOL
ORANGE
LEVERET
MONTAGUE
GILL

30. Is there an airport, military, governmental, or research installation in the area? Radar installation in Shutesbury. Westover A.F.B in Chicopee

31. Have you seen other objects of an unidentified nature? If so, please describe these observations, using a separate sheet of paper. no

32. Please enclose photographs, motion pictures, news clippings, notes of radio or television programs (include time, station and date, if possible) regarding this or similar observations, or any other background material. We will return the material to you.
= you have the news clipping =

33. Were you interrogated by Air Force investigators? By any other federal, state, county, or local officials? If so, please state the name and rank or title of the agent, his office, and details as to where and when the questioning took place. no, not yet

[illegible] you asked or told not to reveal or discuss the incident? If so, were any reasons or official orders mentioned? Please [illegible] state carefully. no

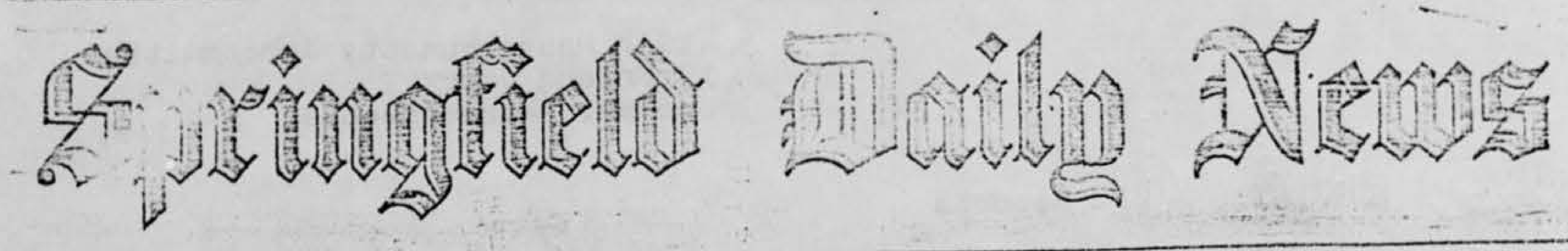
[illegible] would like permission to quote your name in connection with this report. This action will encourage other responsible citizens to report similar observations to NICAP. However, if you prefer, we will keep your name confidential. Please note your choice by checking the proper statement below. In any case, please fill in all parts of the form, for our own confidential files. Thank you for your cooperation.

[illegible] my name. (X)   Please keep my name confidential. ( )

[illegible] Date of filling out this report: December 9, 1964 Signature: [redacted]

Massachusetts

BLUEBOOK



ESTABLISHED IN 1880
CHARLES J. BELLAMY

SPRINGFIELD, MASS., SATURDAY EVENING, NOVEMBER 14, 1964

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October 23, 1964 " " "
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Assorted Newclips on UFO Sightings

FROM: Raymond E. Fowler
Chairman: NICAP Massachusetts Investigating Subcommittee

TO: National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena
Washington, D.C.

cc. USAF (AFSC, FTD)
Walter Webb

The following UFO Data is submitted for NICAP's files.

Raymond E. Fowler
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NICAP Investigator

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No CASE, INFORMATION ONLY

13 NOV 64
SHUTESBURY, MASS.

Could you also tell me the latest AF findings on the Socorro, N.M. UFO sighting report which received quite a bit of newspaper publicity in this area last spring?

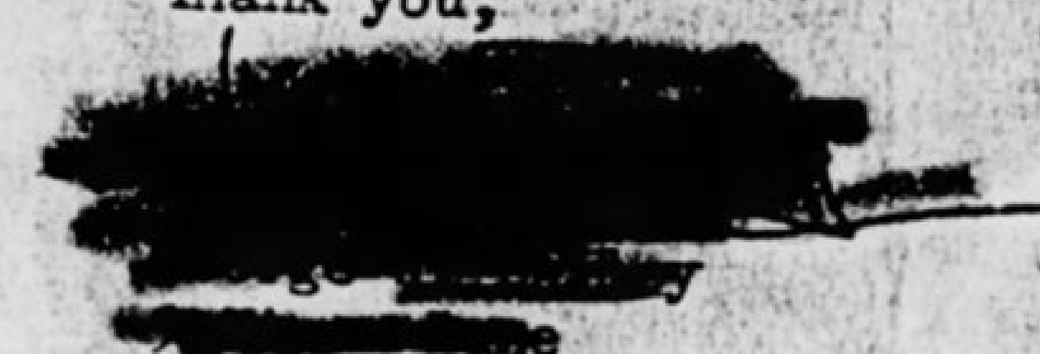
I would also appreciate the USAF conclusions on a sighting or landing report in the Glassboro, N.J. area on or about September 5, 1964.

I would also appreciate knowing the USAF position on open Congressional hearings on all aspects of the UFO controversy.

What information can you give me about two private UFO research groups known as NICAP and APRO.

I shall look forward to hearing from you at your earliest convenience.

Thank you,



[redacted]

Bloomfield, Conn.

11/18/64

Springfield, Mass., Daily News 11/14/64

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Is this a new procedure on investigating UFO sightings? Has the USAF stopped their investigations and transferred it to the FAA? If so, to whom do I write to obtain the results of such UFO investigations?

M/R: Earley has a folder

14 NOV Shutesbury, Mass A/C

29 December 1964

Dear Mr. [redacted]

This is in reply to your letter of December 9.

The Air Force conducts a scientific investigation of UFO sightings. In fifteen years of research, no evidence has been found to support the contention that UFOs are extraterrestrial objects under intelligent control. Thousands of UFO observations have been determined to be a misinterpretation of conventional or natural objects.

The Socorro, New Mexico, sighting is still unsolved. However, no evidence was found which indicated that the vehicle was from outer space. Since we cannot find the pilots who were flying the vehicle, the case will remain unsolved. The lack of radiation and the speed of the vehicle indicate that the craft had not experienced any space residency.

The Glassboro, New Jersey, report is definitely a hoax. The investigation was conducted by several officers from McGuire AFB. After the investigation, the officers determined that the reported sighting was a hoax and that no additional investigation was necessary. Photographs of the area revealed that only one bush was broken. This could easily have been done by applying weight or any other object to the top of the tree.

The newspaper you forwarded on the Shutesbury, Massachusetts, sighting of 14 November 1964 indicates that the object observed was an aircraft. The spokesman from Westover AFB Information Office probably had FAA check for aircraft under their operational control, since all civilian flights are under their jurisdiction. This officer had checked for military aircraft and determined that none were operational in the area. His check with FAA was a routine procedure for evaluating sightings attributed to aircraft observation. Since this report was not forwarded to Wright-Patterson from Westover, we can assume that the aircraft was identified by FAA; therefore, no UFO report was submitted. The object was not an unidentified flying object but an aircraft.

The NICAP publication, "The UFO Evidence", has been reviewed by the Air Force. The publication is a voluminous collection of reports, facts, opinions, excerpts of investigative reports, and correspondence all designed to support the contention of NICAP that UFOs are a problem of national importance. In it, the Air Force is charged with handling the UFO program in a secretive manner. This secrecy is refuted by the publication itself since the Air Force case files are a prime source of the data presented. The document does contain many reports of reputable and technical personnel. Many of these same reports are in Air Force files with firm evaluations of known conventional or natural objects. NICAP's continued attack on the Air Force UFO program has no basis øn fact.

Sincerely,

MASTON M. JACKS
Major, USAF
Chief, Pictorial Branch
Publication Information Division
Office of Information

Mr. [redacted]
Bloomfield, Connecticut